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YEsterday the Parliament being met, pursuant to the last Prorogation, His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant went to the House of Peers with the usual Solemnity, and having sent for the House of Commons to attend him, he commanded them to chuse a Speaker in the room of the Right Honourable Allen Broderick, Esq; who is called up to the House of Lords, as Lord Chief Justice of her Majesty's Court of Queen's-Bench; and the Commons being returned to their own House, John Forster, Esq; her Majesty's Attorney-General, was unanimously chosen for their Speaker.

This Day his Excellency Thomas Earl of Wharton went with the usual Solemnity to meet the Lords and Commons of this Kingdom assembled in Parliament; and being seated in the Throne, made the following Speech to both Houses:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HER Majesty hath, out of her great Care of you, and Goodness towards you, called you again together, and given you now another Opportunity of consulting amongst your selves of whatever you shall judge to be necessary for your own Happiness and Security.

The Dispatch that was given the last Session of Parliament to the Publick Business, the Care that was taken of the true Interest of the Kingdom, and the hearty Zeal and dutiful Affection that was expressed for her Majesty's Person and Government, were so acceptable, that it is with Satisfaction her Majesty now calls you together again.

And the readiness with which her Majesty was graciously pleased to give her Royal Assent to those Bills which you thought proper to transmit to her, ought to give you an Assurance, that her Goodness will not deny any thing to you, that can be judged necessary to make you Easie and Happy.

And I have now her Majesty's Leave and Directions to let you know, that she will readily Consent to any good Laws that will conduce to those Ends.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am commanded to tell you, that her Majesty is not unmindful of the Chearfulness with which you gave the Supply the last Session of Parliament; and her Majesty doth not at all doubt, but that you will now, with the same Affection, provide such Supplies as shall appear to be necessary for supporting the Establishment, and complying with those Applications that you your selves have made to her Majesty; and for carrying on that Work, and providing those Stores, which have been judged proper for the Defence of the Kingdom.

The State of all which I have directed to be fully and faithfully laid before you, and I make no Question, but it will be done to your Satisfaction.

It is with some Concern that I take Notice to you, that there is yet one Regiment wanting of those which are paid upon this Establishment; but the Publick Service made it absolutely necessary to recal a Regiment that was under Orders, and ready to embark for this Kingdom; and you may be assured that another will be sent as soon as it is possible.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have but one thing more in Command to recommend to you, which is, that Union amongst your selves, which her Majesty hath so much at her Heart, and hath so often put you in mind of. There wants nothing but this to make you very Happy and very Secure.

The Established Church can't but be most Flourishing and Safe under the Influence of her Majesty, who through the whole course of her Life, hath been the brightest Ornament of that Holy Religion which she professes.

And our Civil Rights and Liberties must be secure under a Queen, who from the beginning of her Reign to this Day, hath so gloriously espoused and vindicated, not only the Rights of her own People, but the Liberties of all Europe.

This should prevail with us all, to have no other Dispute or Emulation amongst us, but to strive who shall shew most Duty and Loyalty towards her Majesty, and most Zeal for the Support of the Protestant Interest, and the Protestant Succession.

The Members of the House of Commons being returned to their own House, Mr. Speaker read a Copy of his Excellency's Speech, which was ordered to be entred in the Journals of the House. Then the House of Commons resolved that an Address be presented to the Queen, to Congratulate her Majesty upon the early Successes of her Majesty's Arms this present Campaign, and the prospect which they give us of a Lasting and Honourable Peace. And also resolved, That an Address of Thanks be presented to his Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant, for his Gracious Speech; and Committees were appointed to prepare the same accordingly. Then the House proceeded to give the necessary Orders concerning Committees and Elections, and adjourned to next Monday Morning at nine a Clock.

From the Camp before Douay, June 2. *N. S.* On Thursday the 29th of May last the French Army passed the Scarpe near Arras, and encamped in eight Lines between that Place and Mont St. Eloy. The next Day they marched in order of Battel, with a design to attack us; for which 'tis said the Mareschal de Villars had received positive Orders from Court; they advanced along the Plain towards the Village of Bois Bernard, extending their Right towards Montauban, and their Left towards Noyele-sous-Lens. The Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Savoy thereupon gave Orders for striking the Tents, and forming the Armies on the Ground formerly marked out for receiving them, where we continued under Arms all that Day, and the next Morning, to expect them. The Enemy's Army being come within less than half a League of us, drew up, and the Mareschal de Villars, with the rest of the French Generals, advanced at the same time within near Musket-Shot of our Grand Guard; where having remained some time to view our Situation, they retired, as did likewise their whole Army, inclining to their Left, on the great Road towards Lens, and are now encamped from Noyele-sous-Lens, to the Heights of St. Laurent near Arras. It appearing plainly by this Movement, that the Enemy had no further design of giving us Battel, but rather to incommode our Convoys, to straighten us for Forage, and to render our Communication with Lisle difficult; the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene sent back on Saturday Morning part of the Foot, with General Fagel, to their former Post in the Lines of Circumvallation between Ferin and Dechy, and ordered the twenty Battalions that had been drawn from the Siege, likewise to return. The Count de Velen, General of the Palatines, was at the same time detached with eight Battalions and ten Squadrons, to secure the Post of Pont à Vendin, and hinder by that means the Enemy's sending over any Parties into the Chatellenie of Lisle. By these Measures our Communication between Lisle and Tournay being very well secured, and the several Quar-

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